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December 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Badger, Iowa, 50516 is hereby appealing the closure of the Badger Post Office. You state in the Final Determination to Close that a saving of \$24,465 annually will be saved. What a disappointment to think we are worth so little and can be tossed away. This post office makes money and is a hub for the community. With 189 P.O. boxes and 132 on the rural route we are fighting to keep our community together. I have no idea how you can state only 33 transactions on average take place per day. Not bad when the window is only open for four hours. This is an average of seven customers every hour. To get mail out and wait on customers the OIC is always busy. We have many packages mailed out and coming in on a regular basis. Staying late after the window is closed to get paperwork and reports done is a loyal employee. It is outrageous to think you are willing to pay \$4,800 a year, until 2017, with a no cancellation clause, for the building lease. The building is handicap accessible with a ramp, auto open door, a new furnace, working bathroom and more than adequate Main Street parking.

The postal service has been around for 125+ years and to just take it away is wrong. Having rural delivery is not our idea of mail service unless you live outside the city limits. Going 12 to 15 miles for mail service can not be considered having service. I am not just talking about getting and receiving mail. I have been to different post offices and with the closings you are proposing it will only make the service their poor. A business as well as any resident of Badger should have a right to keep our service as it is running in the black. You have no idea what goes on in rural Iowa or any other small town fighting to keep their Post Office.

You seem to forget you are a Service to the people not a business.

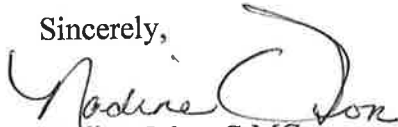
Please keep our Post Office open.

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Sincerely,



Nadine O'lor, C MC
City of Badger



Christopher J. Wendell, Mayor
City of Badger